

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
August 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Sherry Monesmith, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Beth Seidl and Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent:** Mike Jones and Kyle Rupert. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Candy Neal, Matt Crane and Jim O'Neal. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sherry Monesmith moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. **Darla Blazey** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Business

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- Kit requested approval of a revised budget for 2016 due to a City requirement for all departments to cut their budgets by 5%. The Arts Department's 5% reduction amount is \$21,650. The biggest areas to be reduced are: the Equipment line by \$5000 for the shared sign with VUJC & \$4000 for electric chain motors; Contractual Services by \$7,250 which includes \$3,000 for Missoula and the Repair line for \$4000. Missoula is a great program, but expensive. There are additional smaller cuts to meet the 5% reduction. The cuts are a result of less income projected for the coming year due to property tax caps. **Pat Thyen** moved to approve the revised budget as presented. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Ticket sales are going well. Advertising will go out later this month after Strassenfest.
- August is our catch up month for repair, renewal and vacations.

Building and Structure Report

Kit reported for Doreen.

- Doreen is in the process of refinishing the stage floor.
- Kit requested permission for Doreen to seek quotes to replace the loading dock garage door. The wood is rotting and can no longer be repaired. Anticipated cost is \$2,000 - \$2,500 and money is available in the repair line. **Beth Seidl** moved to replace the loading dock door as requested. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- The 1st show this school year will be Dr. Kaboom. He has a new show touring on electricity. It will be presented at the JAC for schools on September 16 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed.
- The Canvas and Cabernet class with a German Theme was presented again this year during Strassenfest week. It was sold out.
- Crazy About Kids preschool was here for a couple of tours of the JAC.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- New Exhibit is the Patoka Valley Quilters Guild. The Guild members hung the show yesterday. The 1st Thursday reception is this week. All are invited.
- Plein Air and Quick Draw event was held in July. The event went well. It was the first year for this event and the plan is to continue to grow the event in coming years.
- ARTventures just ended last week. ARTventures went very well.
- The fall art class schedule is being developed now.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- The float went well. We won the Heartwarming Award. This was a nice way to end our presence in the parade.
- Corina read the request for a muralist that was advertised. She distributed information on artist, Jessica Townsend, who was selected. At this time we don't have a site. We would like to keep the mural downtown due to the proposed mural tying in with the City's revitalization plan. Discussion followed.
- The 40th Anniversary Party is coming together. Reservations are needed to get a packet for the silent auction. Invitations were sent out and time was given to those people to send in a reservation. The event will be open to the public and advertised.

Old Business

Selena Vonderheide reported The Herald did a great article showing the progress The Next Act is making toward purchasing the Astra. The Astra Marquee lights were on for Strassenfest.

New Business

There will be an executive session of the JCAC board on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers. The Common Council members have been invited to attend.

Adjournment

Linda Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Gary Moeller

Attested